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### Post-Construction Report

Date: April 30, 2014

Re: **DOCKET NO. 403** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 174 South Grand Street, Suffield, Connecticut.

In this docket, Verizon proposed building a 120-foot monopole tower within a 60-foot by 60-foot compound on a 17.5-acre property owned by Darian and Robert Paganelli, who use it for a residence. There were no other parties or intervenors in this proceeding. The Council approved a facility with a 120-foot tower at the proposed site on December 2, 2010. The Development and Management Plan was approved on October 4, 2012.

I visited this site with Fred Cunliffe on April 23, 2014 for a field review of a petition from AT&T, which proposed extending the height of the monopole by ten feet to install its antennas 130 feet above ground level. At the time of my visit, all site construction work was completed. The tower was erected. The compound was well graveled and enclosed by an eight-foot chain link fence. All utilities were hooked up. There were six meter placements on the compound's utility board with one meter in place for Verizon, which had its antennas in place at the top of the tower.

This facility is located on level ground so very little earthwork was necessary to develop this site. Access to the facility is over a 900-foot gravel driveway, the first 300 feet of which was over an existing driveway. The flat topography required little grading so there are no erosion problems at this site. All erosion controls had been removed.

Visibility of this tower is minimal. It is located in the midst of a large stand of mature deciduous trees that provide effective screening even during "leaf-off" times of the year. The tower is visible above the tree line for a short distance along South Grand Street, perhaps a half-mile. Even where the tower is visible, it is not very noticeable since it does not protrude much above the tree line.

Conditions observed at the site at the time of my visit conformed to the approved D&M plans.

**View of tower**



**View of base compound**



**Close up of antennas mounted at top of tower**



**View of Tower from near facility entrance on South Grand Street**



**View of tower from South Grand Street, approximately 2000 feet to south**

